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TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR INFO PRIORITY MEXICO CITY

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REFS: A. DIRECTOR 268527
B. [MADRID] 40791 1077733

1. 4 AUGUST EDITION OF MADRID DAILY "EL PAIS" CARRIED 04
A HALF COLUMN ARTICLE CONCERNING [ALBERTO CESAR AUGUSTO
R O D R I G U E Z GALLEGO]'S CIA AFFILIATION. HEADLINE READS:
"SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE BERLITZ ACADEMY IN MADRID -- A CUBAN
EXILE DENIES HIS ASSOCIATION WITH CIA." THE BYLINE IS EFE.
04 (SAME ARTICLE ALSO CARRIED BY MADRID DAILY "YA"). ARTICLE IDENTIFIES
[RODRIGUEZ] IN FULL NAME, BY NATIONALITY, AND THROUGH HIS
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AT BERLITZ. ARTICLE STATES
HE CATEGORICALLY DENIES ANY ASSOCIATION WITH CIA, JOKINGLY
BRUSHING OFF THE 04 ACCUSATION AS ABSURD. ARTICLE GOES ON TO
STATE THAT [RODRIGUEZ] LIVED IN MEXICO FROM 1960-1972 AS A
COLOMBIAN NATIONAL, BUT IN ACTUALITY WAS BORN IN CUBA ON
6 NOVEMBER 1922. CITING THE "YOUTH ACCUSES IMPERIALISM" 04
DOCUMENT, THE EFE ARTICLE STATES THAT IN 1961 [RODRIGUEZ]
RESIDED IN A BUILDING LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE CUBAN MISSION
IN MEXICO CITY, WHERE HE CONDUCTED AN EXPIONAGE MISSION FOR
THE CIA. ARTICLE ENDS WITH STRONG DENIAL BY [RODRIGUEZ] 04
HE DID NOT DENY HAVING LIVED IN MEXICO DURING THE PERIOD
1960-1972. [RODRIGUEZ] JOKINGLY TOLD EFE, "NOWADAYS, HALF THE
WORLD WORKS FOR THE CIA."

2. AMBASSADOR BRIEFED PER PARA 2, REF A ON 4 AUGUST.
IF DIRECTOR OF BERLITZ RETURNS TO MISSION, CONSULAR OFFICER

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MS. ISELA BULNES BURGET WILL OBTAIN INFORMATION PER PARA 3,
REF A INSTRUCTIONS.

3. IN VIEW OF ⁰⁴[RODRIGUEZ] DENIAL, DOES HQS STILL WISH
STATION TO CONTACT ⁰⁴[RODRIGUEZ] PER PARA 4 REF A.

4. FILE: 201-0288248. E2 IMPDET

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